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1. AMBASSADOR HAS DETERMINED DISASTER SUFFICIENT TO WARRANT USG ASSISTANCE. INFORMAL INDICATION OF NEEDED ASSISTANCE HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF DISASTER RELIEF, HOWEVER, AWAITING FORMAL REQUEST FROM MFA BEFORE ANY ADDITIONAL ACTION TAKEN. DISASTER RELIEF OFFICIALS INDICATED NEED FOR MONEY TO LOCALLY PURCHASE MEDICAL SUPPLIES, FOOD AND OTHER ITEMS FOR SURVIVORS.
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2. IN MEANTIME, HOWEVER, REQUEST FUNDING CITATION TO DISBURSE $25,000 FOR FOREIGN DISASTER EMERGENCY RELIEF TO GOT. UPON RECEIPT, FUNDS CITATION FROM AID/PHA/FDRC, EMBASSY WILL REQUEST USDO/RFC PARIS FOR TELEGRAPHIC TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR DISTRIBUTION BY EMBASSY ANKARA. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.

3. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. LATEST DETAILS ON DISASTER ACCORDING TO TURKISH RADIO NEWS BROADCAST AT 1000 GMT, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, AS FOLLOWS:

A. DEATH TOLL IN THE EARTHQUAKE DISASTER IN EASTERN TURKEY HAS RISEN TO 1700 PERSONS. FIVE HUNDRED WERE REPORTED DEAD IN THE VILLAGE OF LICE AT THE CENTER OF QUAKE AREA.

B. THE RADIO REPORT SAID 650 SERIOUSLY INJURED HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO HOSPITALS IN THE TOWN OF DIYARBAKIR FORTY MILES SOUTH-WEST OF LICE. ELEVEN HUNDRED BUILDINGS WERE REPORTED DESTROYED IN THE LICE AREA.

C. TURKISH AUTHORITIES SAID THAT 1,000 ARMY TROOPS ARE NOW AT THE SCENE WORKING TO CLEAR THE RUBBLE AND PROVIDE RELIEF TO THE SURVIVORS. SIX HUNDRED ADDITIONAL TURKISH MILITARY PERSONNEL ARE REPORTEDLY ON THEIR WAY TO THE SCENE. THE RADIO REPORT SAID 123 MILITARY VEHICLES, 12 AMBULANCES, AND TWO HELICOPTERS ARE ALREADY AT WORK IN THE AREA.

D. SEVERAL TURKISH OFFICIALS, INCLUDING PRIMIN SULEYMAN DEMIREL, CHIEF OF STAFF SEMIH SANCAR, DEPUTY PRIMIN TURAN FEYZIOGLU, AND THE MINISTERS OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND HEALTH, COMMUNICATIONS AND RECONSTRUCTION, LEFT ANKARA LATE SUNDAY MORNING BY SPECIAL PLANE TO GO TO THE AFFECTED AREA. REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY LEADER BULENT ECEVIT HAS ALSO REPORTEDLY GONE TO THE SCENE.

E. RELIEF SUPPLIES FROM THE TURKISH RED CRESCENT ORGANIZATION HAVE ALSO BEEN SENT TO THE AREA. THESE SUPPLIES INCLUDED TENTS, BLANKETS, MEDICINE AND FOOD ACCORDING TO RADIO REPORTS. END UNCLASSIFIED.
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